Opening of New Branches of Banks during the 8th Plan

2. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government with regard to the opening of new branches of commercial banks;

(b) the objective of opening those new branches of different banks; and

(c) the number of such banks opened in Orissa and other States during the 8th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) Under the extant policy of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), banks which achieved capital adequacy ratio of 8 per cent, net profit for three years, Non-performing Assets below 15 per cent and minimum owned funds of Rs. 100 crore would get freedom to open branches on their own. The banks would consider viability of the proposed branches as the most important criterion while deciding to open new branches. Proposals received by RBI from all other banks are considered on a case to case basis depending on individual bank's financial position. In respect of rural centres, the proposed centres should fall within the service area of the banks and should be recommended by the concerned State Governments.

(c) As reported by the RBI, the State-wise details of bank branches opened during the plan period 1990—95 (April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1995) including in the State of orissa are given at the statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	No. of Branches opened
1.	Assam	35
2.	Meghalaya	24
3.	Mizoram	8
4.	Bihar	170
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	3
6.	West Bengal	117
7.	Nagaland	1
8.	Manipur	6
9.	Orissa	92
10.	Sikkim	14
11.	Tripura	9
12.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	9
13.	Uttar Pradesh	275
14.	Delhi	69
15.	Punjab	113
16.	Haryana	88
17.	Chandigarh	18
18.	Jammu & Kashmir	23
19.	Himachal Pradesh	45
20.	Rajasthan	136
21.	Gujarat	

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	No. of Branches opened
22.	Maharashtra	245
23.	Daman & Diu	2
24.	Madhya Pradesh	127
25.	Andhra Pradesh	245
26.	Karnataka	173
27.	Tamilnadu	232
28.	Kerala	192
29.	Pondicherry	3
30.	Goa	17

Import of Gold

3. SMT. ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government are re-thinking of stoppage of import of gold under the baggage rules;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a demand to abolish the limit of import of gold under the baggage rules in view of its soaring price prevailing in the Indian market at present; and

(c) if so, the stand taken by Government in both these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Government have not received any request for abolishing the limit on import of gold under the Baggage Rules nor do they have under consideration any proposal to stop such imports of gold.

Ongoing projects for Doordarshan Transmission Centres and AIR Stations in Orissa

4. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing projects for Doordarshan transmission centres and AIR stations in Orissa;

(b) the places where these projects are proposed to be set up; and

(c) the expected date for the establishment of these Doordarshan and AIR projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The particulars of All India Radio and Doordarshan projects undertaken in the state of Orissa are given in statement-I and II respectively (*see* below). These are expected to be completed as indicated in the Annexures subject to availability of equipment, funds, infrastructure facilities and inter-se priorities.

Statement-I

S.No.	Project and Location	Expected Target date
1.	Upgradation of 20 KW MW Tr. to 100 KW power at Sambalpur	March 96
2.	Setting up of 50 KW SW Tr. at Jeypore	June 96
3.	Setting up of a local radio station with 1 KW MW Tr., MP studio Receiving facilities and staff quarters at Soro (Balasore)	During IX Plan